

HENRY ROYLE

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

Henry Royle, one of the original pioneers of Lehi, was born in England. Very little is known of his early life. Some time in the early forties he joined the "Mormon" Church and took an active part in preaching and advocating its doctrines, being rotten-egged by hoodlums for so doing. He married a sister of David Clark, another Lehi pioneer; she soon died and left him without family.

He came to America about the year 1846, and worked two years in St. Louis, in the meantime getting together an outfit consisting of oxen, cows, and other necessities with which to cross the plains.

In the winter of 1847-1848 he married Ann Capstick, and on the 18th of March, following, they moved to St. Joseph, Missouri, from where they later started for Salt Lake City, arriving at the latter place September 21, 1848, where he built a home.

In the fall of 1848 and the following spring he made adobes and, being a mason, helped to build them into one of the first meeting houses in Salt Lake City. In the summer of 1850 in company with Canute Peterson and others, he explored the north end of Utah Valley with a view of taking up land and finding a suitable place for a settlement. In September of that year he came back to Dry Creek with his brother-in-law, David Clark, and while felling logs for a house, had his collar bone broken.

He went back to Salt Lake and remained until spring, when he brought his wife and infant daughter, (Mrs. Sarah A. Olmstead), to Lehi and lived for a time in a covered wagon box. On June 22, 1851, his son, Henry Moroni, was born, being the first white male child to see the light of day in Lehi.

After a brief illness, he died July 8, 1852, aged about thirty-two years.